

michael was a child to find all this Western Ontario a wilderness. Our forefathers came into this wild Western land, and with toil and hardship, sacrifice and patience, cleared the forests, made homes for themselves in the midst of the wilderness, planted the school and the Church and laid the foundations of all the institutions that are the glory of our land to-day: and we come to our day of opportunity and responsibility just in time to reap the fruit of all their toil and escape all their hardships. I do not think we can too frequently remind ourselves of the debt we owe to the past and especially to our pioneer forefathers and the fathers of our Canadian Church. Even in the early part of Dr. Carmichael's ministry there were hardships and discouragements that we little know of to-day, and because of the faithfulness of these men of fifty years ago, our country and our Church are what they are to-day. Dr. Carmichael is a fine illustration of what is possible to a Presbyterian minister in a permanent pastorate. A thoughtful man, a lover of books, a man interested in all that pertains to the intellectual life of the age, a man of sympathy and of home tastes, he has grown with the passing years and has never lost his mental grip or his hold on his people. In this day, when vulgar self-advertising is so common, it is refreshing to find one, like our reverend friend who, with scholarship, intellectual ability, and fine gifts of speech, has had no touch of ambition, ecclesiastical or worldly, but has been content to pursue the even tenor of his way for fifty years in this quiet country parish, asking naught save a place in the heart and life of his people. Dr. Carmichael is a man of rare gifts, and he has rendered valuable assistance on the Senate of Knox College and as a Lecturer in Queen's, but his real life work has consisted in ministering to three generations of men and women who have risen up about him here and have passed out to the larger life of the world, or remain to do him honor this day.

The Christian life and beautiful character of this man has had a splendid influence on this community, and I know it has been an influence for good with all his brethren in the ministry, and particularly in the Presbytery of Toronto. We thank God that he has spared our father to this good old age and allowed